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EAST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the year

1948

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MARKET PLACE,
SLEAFORD.

9th September, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of the
East Kesteven Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1948.

The statistics here submitted seem to call for little comment, both the birth rate and the death rate being slightly lower than the previous year.

The health of the inhabitants of the District is still good and the low figures for diphtheria shows the value of immunisation. The incidence of whooping cough was somewhat higher than last year and there was a minor epidemic of scarlet fever in service personnel in the area.

Apart from the coming into operation of the National Health Service Act, 1946, there were no important changes in the administration of the department which need to be recorded.

The housing situation in the District is still acute but the provision of additional houses is constantly receiving your attention and the work is progressing as speedily as circumstances allow.

I must record my appreciation of the work of all members of your Public Health Staff, the Clerk to the Council and other Officials, and thank the Members of the Council for their goodwill and encouragement in my endeavours.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. SCHOLEY.
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area in acres	123,421
Population (Registrar General's figure 1948)	17,610
Number of inhabited houses	5,220
Rateable Value	£64,915
Sum represented by a 1d. Rate	£260

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN EAST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT DURING 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948.

	1945	*1946*	*1947*	*1948*
Scarlet Fever	14	6	21	32
Diphtheria	3	2	3	2
Measles	61	3	430	352
Whooping Cough ...	10	14	53	109
Acute Pneumonia ...	4	5	10	7
Cerebro-spinal fever ...	—	4	—	—
Erysipelas	1	3	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	2	8	4
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	—	1	1
Dysentery	—	—	2	1
Chicken Pox	—	—	8	9
Malaria	—	—	5	2
TOTALS ...	95	39	542	520

INFECTIOUS DISEASES — ANALYSIS IN AGE GROUPS.

Age Group	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Chicken Pox	Pneumonia	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Malaria Acute	Poliomyelitis
0—1 ...	9	9	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1—2 ...	30	11	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
2—3 ...	37	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3—4 ...	39	12	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4—5 ...	40	13	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5—10 ...	157	42	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
10—15 ...	28	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
15—20 ...	6	-	25	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
20—35 ...	3	2	2	3	-	-	-	1	1	2	-
35—45 ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45—65 ...	3	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	352	109	32	9	7	2	2	1	1	2	4

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN EAST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT DURING 1948.

	Civilian Cases	Service Cases	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4	28	32	—
Diphtheria	2	—	2	—
Measles	351	1	—	1
Whooping Cough ...	109	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia ...	7	—	—	2
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	4	—	4	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	—	1	—
Dysentery	1	—	—	—
Chicken Pox	4	5	—	—
Malaria	—	2	2	—

BIRTH RATES. CIVILIAN DEATH RATE AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING 1948.

POPULATION 1948. (Registrar-General's Figure). 17,610.

		Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Total.
No. of Live Births	Male ...	184	8	192
	Female ...	163	11	174
		347	19	366

		Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Total.
No. of Still Births	Male ...	5	—	5
	Female ...	8	—	8
		13	—	13

No. of Deaths	Male	95
	Female	76
		171

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Male.	Female.	Total
Legitimate ...	11	4	15

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE.		BIRTH RATE.		DEATH RATE.	
E.K.R.D.C.	England & Wales.	E.K.R.D.C.	England & Wales.	E.K.R.D.C.	England & Wales.
40.98	34	20.22	17.9	9.71	10.8

	Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population.		DEATH RATES PER 1,000 CIVILIAN POPULATION.						Rates per 1,000 Live Births.
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Typhoid & Para-Typhoid Fever	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Deaths under one year of age.
E.K.R.D.C.	20.22	0.73	9.71	—	—	—	—	—	40.96
England & Wales ...	17.9	0.50	10.8	—	—	0.02	—	0.03	34.0

NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1948.

	Males	*Females*	*Total*
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Measles	1	—	1
Tuberculosis of Resp. System	1	2	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—
Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio-Encephelitis	—	—	—
Cancer of Buc. Cav. and Oesoph (m) ...	1	—	1
Uterus (f) ...	—	1	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	4	2	6
Cancer of breast	—	3	3
Cancer of all other sites	7	11	18
Diabetes	2	—	2
Intra-cran. Vascular Lesions	9	14	23
Heart Disease	33	23	56
Other disease of Circ. System	6	1	7
Bronchitis	4	2	6
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Other respiratory diseases	—	5	5
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—	—
Appendicitis	—	—	—
Diarrhoea under two years	—	—	—
Other digestive diseases	1	—	1
Nephritis	3	—	3
Syphilitic diseases	—	—	—
Premature birth	2	2	4
Other maternal causes	—	1	1
Con. Mal: Birth Injuries: Infantile diseases ...	7	1	8
Suicide	1	—	1
Road Traffic Accidents	3	—	3
Other violent Causes	3	—	3
All other causes	6	7	13
ALL CAUSES	95	76	171

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION.

The Council are well aware of the inefficient methods of purification of sewage and the inadequate sewerage of their district, and plans have been prepared and approved by the Ministry of Health in principle for the re-sewering of the larger parishes in the area, viz: Ruskington, Billinghay, Cranwell, Heckington and Great Hale. It is to be hoped that the work will be commenced in the very near future. The builders in the area have co-operated with the department, and where any doubt existed as to the proper and efficient method of draining new and existing buildings they have sought and accepted the advice given them. In all cases where new drainage was being constructed to connect with public sewers without proper disposal plants, septic tanks have been requested and in no case was any objection raised.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The number of conversions of vault type closets to water carriage during the year reached a total of 49. The majority of persons carrying out these conversions being owner-occupiers. Only when the proposed new sewerage and water schemes have been carried out will the Council be in a position to request the wholesale conversions of these types of closets.

SCHOOLS.

As reported in previous years the sanitary arrangements at the schools in the area are somewhat primitive, and little progress seems to have been made in remedying this fact. It is understood that the County Education Committee is giving the matter consideration.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS.

Several applications for registration were received during the year, and in all cases the proposed buildings were inspected by this department in co-operation with the Milk Production Officer of the Agricultural Executive Committee, and as a result, a satisfactory type of building has been constructed in each case. In addition many improvements have been carried out at existing dairies and cowsheds through the efforts of your Sanitary

Inspectors. Careless producers were warned during the year regarding their non-compliance with the regulations—but no statutory action was in any case required to be taken.

No. of Registered Retail Purveyors	31
No. of Wholesale Purveyors on Register	191
No. of inspections of dairies, milkshops, and cowsheds	301

The number of tuberculin-tested herds in the Rural District is 4, and the number of producers of accredited milk is 6.

56 samples of milk were taken during the year for bacteriological examination.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection and disposal of household refuse has continued to function satisfactorily throughout the year. The larger parishes, Ruskington, Billinghay and Heckington are serviced weekly, and the remainder of the district fortnightly. A kerbside system of refuse collection is adopted. Several complaints were received suggesting that a carry-out system be put in operation, but the Council, after careful consideration, decided that this system could not be carried out economically. The indiscriminate tipping of refuse on the tips by persons unknown, has caused a good deal of trouble during the year, and in order to maintain these tips in a reasonably satisfactory condition, bulldozers have had to be employed levelling same. Facilities for the garaging, maintenance and cleansing of the vehicles used by this department are not ideal, and as indicated in the report for 1947, the question of a central depot, garage and store will have to be seriously considered.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 21 bakehouses in the area and these have been regularly inspected and minor structural alterations effected in several instances. The standard of cleanliness in these premises was maintained at a high level.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Only one knackers yard is registered in the area and the only trouble occasioned on these premises was an infestation of rats which was satisfactorily cleared after representation from the department.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

The number of moveable dwellings in the area have increased to 12 and in all cases before granting licences the Council have satisfied themselves that the sanitary arrangements were satisfactory, and that an adequate and wholesome water supply is available within reasonable distance. The majority of these dwellings are of a proprietory make and although they are far from ideal homes, the occupants have shown initiative in solving their own housing problems and in these circumstances the Council have a moral obligation to licence same. These licences are granted subject to application for renewal every year.

RAG FLOCK ACTS.

There are no premises in the District requiring attention under these Acts.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The meat supply of the Rural area comes from the central distribution depot which is in the Sleaford Urban District. All meat is inspected by the Sanitary Inspector of the Urban District before being delivered into the Rural Area.

The inspection of cottagers' pigs slaughtered under Ministry of Food licences is carried out on request, and whenever possible. It is considered that a 100% examination of these pigs should be carried out and that existing legislation should be amended to bring this source of valuable food supply within the scope of the Public Health Meat Regulations and the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Retailers in the district are to be commended for their co-operation with the Department. When any doubtful products are observed they contact the department and request that the articles be inspected. On only one occasion were articles of food taken before a Justice of the Peace for condemnation. This consisted of 7lbs. of roast mutton and 3lbs. of roast beef. No legal proceedings were taken since it was considered that the fault did not lie with the purveyor of the meat but rather with the inadequate and unsatisfactory facilities for storage on his customer's premises.

The following articles of foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption after inspection by officers in the department:—

Type of Foodstuff.	*Weight lbs.*	*Reason.*
Tinned Meats	65½	Blown, punctured, Rusted, etc.
,, Vegetables	6	
,, Fruit	27	
,, Fish	21	
,, Milk	22	
,, Tomato Juice ...	4	
Frozen (Boneless) Meat ...	588	Putrefaction.
Bacon	74	Flyblown.
Dried Fruit	148	Mouldy—maggots.
Flour, custard, blanc-mange powders, etc.	62	Damp and mouldy.
Dried Peas	112	Mouldy.
Demerera Sugar	26	Contaminated by Paraffin.
Jam, Marmalade, etc. ...	3½	Rusted and Perforated tins.
Mustard	12	Damaged by water.
1 bottle Sauce	½	Rusted and Perforated top.
Cereals, etc.	4	Mouldy.
Banbury cakes	33	Contaminated by disinfectants.
Eccles cakes	14	
Cheese	30	Rancid.
Frozen Cod	112	Putrefaction.
TOTAL	1,364½	

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES.

There are 7 fish friers and 20 ice cream vendors in the area.

Several defects were found in premises used as fried fish shops and on request, these were remedied. Generally the businesses were carried on without complaint but in the case of one such proprietor constant vigilance and action was needed to keep his premises up to a reasonable standard.

There is only one large food preparing factory in the district, and as reported in previous years the management are to be congratulated on the methods employed to ensure that food is prepared under the most stringent hygienic conditions.

Only three of the ice cream vendors in the area manufacture ice cream on their premises and these comply with the Ice Cream Heat

Treatment Regulations. Further, they have been persuaded to instal up-to-date equipment. There was no cause for complaint during the year. The other vendors in the area retail pre-packed ice cream manufactured outside this Council's district.

It is considered that legislation should be introduced for effecting the medical examination of all persons engaged in the handling, preparation and sale of food.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

There has been no change in existing arrangements which satisfactorily meet all needs.

Bacteriological— The Public Health Laboratory,
St. Edmund's Chambers,
Bank Street,
Lincoln.

Chemical— W. W. Taylor, Esq., B.Sc., F.R.I.C.,
Public Analyst and Consulting Chemist,
1, Recent Street,
Nottingham.

DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES.

Fleas were the cause of six houses being disinfested and the treatment given consisted of D.D.T. residual spray. Three of the householders concerned were given instructions to cleanse, and maintain in a cleanly condition, their households and effects. Several premises were found to be infested to a minor degree with cockroaches, and the occupiers of which were provided with proprietory powder which proved to be successful in all cases. Two other premises were infested with bed bugs and were treated satisfactorily with zaldecide.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

This work, as reported in previous years, is relatively easy since most of the shops in the District are one-man or family businesses. No action was deemed necessary during the year. Shops are inspected on occasions when your inspectors have reason to visit the premises on other business.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

All tips in the area were kept under control by your own workmen. Several large kills were reported during the year.

In November, the Council appointed a Rodent Operator who in the short time he was employed during the year proved that he was an efficient officer.

OUTWORKERS PREMISES.

No notifications were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories regarding premises used for outworkers.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

A complaint of excessive smoke from a food producing premises was investigated and on examination the chimney was found to be inadequate. After structural alterations had been carried out this complaint was obviated.

CANAL BOATS.

No canal boats are registered with this Authority and therefore no action was necessary.

HOUSING.

The Council are progressing as speedily as is possible with their housing schemes and during the past year 122 dwellings were completed and occupied. These consisted of 22 Airey type, 12 Swedish, 34 Traditional houses, and 54 former military hutments were converted into temporary dwellings. Private enterprise was responsible for the erection of a further 24 houses. A great deal of repair work was carried out during the year as a result of action taken by the Public Health Officers, despite the difficulties of obtaining labour, especially for small items of repair work. Many Rural houses are badly in need of repair and reconstruction, and with the present low rentals and the high cost of building repairs, etc., it is difficult to see how such houses can be made fit at reasonable expense, and unless financial assistance is given to owners of rural cottages, the financial burden will be an impediment to a speedy progress. The Rural housing Survey was somewhat curtailed during the year due

to the amount of more urgent work which the department had to carry out but it is hoped that this Survey will be nearing completion by the end of the year 1949. The position up to the end of 1948 shows the large number of houses considered unfit and the low standard of agricultural dwellings generally.

Class 1	572
,, 2	532
,, 3	97
,, 4	96
,, 5	593
No. surveyed but not yet classified ...	18
TOTAL	1,908

PUBLIC HOUSES, RESTAURANT AND CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS.

All licensed premises in the area have been inspected, and in 5 cases new sanitary accommodation has been requested, the necessary work being carried out during the year. In 4 licensed houses inefficient and inadequate facilities for the washing and rinsing of glasses were improved on request. Two cafes were requested to provide more suitable facilities for the preparation of food. The necessary work which had been agreed was not commenced at the end of the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

24 defects were found in factories and workshops in this area, 5 being brought to the notice of the department by H.M. Inspector of Factories. In all cases, compliance with the notices were effected without recourse to statutory action.

RIVERS POLLUTION.

No cases of rivers pollution were dealt with by this Council during the year, the County Council being responsible for the supervision of same in its capacity as Rivers Pollution Authority.

PUBLIC VEHICLES.

It is pleasing that no action during the year was necessary under this heading. As reported previously several operators spray their vehicles with D.D.T. at frequent intervals.

RESULTS OF WATER ANALYSIS DURING 1948.

Date.	Parish.	Where Taken.	Result.
31. 4.48.	Scredington.	Shallow Well.	Unsatisfactory.
13. 4.48.	Heckington.	Public Supply.	Satisfactory.
13. 4.48.	Scredington.	Public Supply.	do.
1. 5.48.	Blankney.	Post Office.	do.
22. 6.48.	North Rauceby.	Tap over sink. Private Supply.	Unsatisfactory.
21. 7.48.	North Rauceby.	Private Supply.	do.
21. 7.48.	North Rauceby.	Shallow Well.	do.
24.11.48.	Dorrington Fen.	Direct from Bore.	Satisfactory.
24.11.48.	Dorrington.	Tap over Sink. Public Supply.	do.
21.12.48.	Ashby-de-la-Launde.		do.
21.12.48.	Scopwick.	Public Supply.	do.
21.12.48.	Wilsford.	From Standpipe.	Unsatisfactory.
21.12.48.	Leasingham.	Tap over Sink.	Satisfactory.
21.12.48.	Ruskington.	Parish Council Offices.	do.
21.12.48.	Burton Pedwardine.	Tap over Sink in Council House.	do.
21.12.48.	Heckington.	Tap in yard of house adjoining Water Tower.	do.

Instructions were given to the occupiers to cease using the shallow well at Scredington. With regard to the private supply at North Rauceby instructions were given to boil this water until such time as a chlorinator had been installed, agreement having been reached with the owner to provide one. The boiling of water from the shallow well at North Rauceby was also advised. Further samples from the public supply at Wilsford during 1949 proved to be of satisfactory quality on subsequent examinations.

The following Table shows the number of houses and estimated population in each parish of the Rural District. No accurate figures are yet available of the number of houses supplied by piped supply in each house but the number of houses provided with a public supply are shown. Asgarby & Howell, Brauncewell, Cranwell & Byard's Leap, Culverthorpe & Kelby, North Rauceby, Roxholm, Silk Willoughby, South Rauceby and Temple Bruer are supplied from private sources.

Parishes.	No. of Houses at 31.12.48.	Estimated Population.	Water Supply. No. of Standposts.	No. Paying Domestic Water Rate.	No. Not on Public Supply.
Anwick	73	308	5	69	4
Asgarby & Howeli ...	38	127	—	—	38
Ashby & Bloxholme ...	85	266	3	61	24
Aswarby & Swarby ...	55	157	—	1	54
Aunsby & Dembleby ...	49	152	5	33	16
Billinghay	459	1,436	13	458	1
Blankney	146	463	1	52	65
Biauncewell	31	108	—	—	31
Burton Pedwardine ...	40	191	7	—	40
Cranwell & Byards Leap	113	506	—	—	113
Culverthorpe & Kelby ...	34	113	—	—	34
Digby	113	454	6	105	8
Dogdyke	65	317	6	64	1
Dorrington	115	384	9	100	15
Ewerby & Evedon ...	114	349	12	110	4
Great Hale	182	559	11	176	6
Heckington	569	1,692	17	557	12
Helpringham	218	714	26	195	23
Kirkby Laythorpe ...	77	267	8	70	7
Leasingham	152	499	8	134	18
Little Hale	75	271	3	59	16
Martin	309	1,110	7	308	1
Newton & Haceby ...	51	173	8	44	7
North Kyme	171	499	13	170	1
North Rauceby ...	52	245	—	—	52
Osbournby	126	364	11	123	3
Rowston	52	174	4	44	8
Roxholme	28	101	—	—	27
Ruskington	556	1,682	—	520	36
Scopwick	125	487	16	117	8
Scredington	82	287	3	67	15
Silk Willoughby ...	50	197	—	—	50
South Kyme	102	409	12	102	—
South Rauceby ...	82	250	—	—	82
Swaton	66	295	9	53	13
Temple Bruer, etc. ...	33	264	—	—	33
Threekingham	59	216	4	28	31
Timberland	169	565	—	169	—
Walcot, B.	143	500	7	142	1
Walcot, F.	29	108	3	23	6
Wilsford	133	451	9	116	17

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Local epidemics of measles and whooping cough occurred during the year, no doubt as a result of the high percentage of susceptible children due to the low incidence of these diseases during the past few years. Of the 32 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year 28 cases occurred in service personnel stationed at an R.A.F. station in the district where the disease took the form of a minor epidemic. The two cases of malaria occurred in R.A.F. personnel returning from overseas to the same military establishment.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

Informal and Verbal Notices served ...	184
Informal Notices complied with	159
Statutory Notices served	—
Letters sent out	324
Matters referred to Surveyor	17
Complaints received	47
Complaints confirmed	34
Nuisances found	61

SYNOPSOS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Total number of Inspections made ...	2,926
Total number of re-inspections made ...	881

	Inspections.	Re-Inspections.
DWELLINGHOUSES.		
Ordinary	145	82
Infectious Disease	10	4
Housing (Rural Housing Survey) ...	904	119
Housing Act (Overcrowding) ...	36	4
Prospective Council House Tenants	11	—
Scabies	—	—
Disinfections	14	—
SANITARY CONVENIENCES.		
Water Closets	61	29
Pail Closets	6	6
Privies	78	94
Chemical Closets	4	—
REFUSE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL.		
Ashpits	7	11
Ashbins	74	86
Tips	114	—

DRAINS.

Inspections	109	56
Smoke Tests	38	6
Water Tests	69	2

SEWERS, ETC.

Sewer Dykes	17	9

FACTORIES.

Factories (with mechanical power) ...	52	19
Factories (without mechanical power)	27	12

FOOD STORAGE, PREPARATION, ETC.

	Inspections.	Re-Inspections.
Bakehouses (with mechanical power)	9	16
Bakehouses (without mechanical power)	2	4
Butchers Shops	21	7
Cowsheds ... ... } Dairies, Milkshops ... ... }	216	85
Fish Frying Premises	14	5
Ice Cream Premises	20	20
Slaughter Houses	6	—
Meat and Food Inspection	95	—

MISCELLANEOUS.

Accumulations	9	9
Animals, Poultry, Etc.	17	8
Disinfestation	15	—
Meetings with Owners, Tradesmen...	201	—
Miscellaneous (Sewage Works, Waste of Water, Etc.)	6	4
Offensive Trades	2	4
Piggeries	7	4
Rats and Mice	27	27
Sanitary Inspections	119	126
Schools	16	—
Special Visits	41	—
Moveable Dwellings	12	19
Works in Progress	201	—
Yards and Courts	2	—
Shops Acts	14	—
Water Supplies	71	—
Building Licences	7	—

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1948.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses During the Year.

Total number of Dwellinghouses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,085
Number of visits made for the purpose	1,290
Number of Dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
Number of Dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	409

Remedy of Defects During the Year Without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	121

Action Under Statutory Powers During the Year.

Under all Sections	Nil.

Housing Act, 1936—Part IV. Overcrowding.

Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year ...	28
Number of families dwelling therein	37
Number of persons dwelling therein	215
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	6
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	8
Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	48
Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil.
Any other particulars with respect of overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ...	Nil.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health, including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspectors.

	Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	34	4	Nil
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	52	7	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, but not including outworkers premises	6	Nil	Nil
	92	11	Nil

Particulars.	Number of Defects. Found.	Remedied.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	1	1
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	1	1
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)—		
Insufficient	3	3
Unsuitable or defective	8	8
Not separate for sexes	—	—
Other Offences against the Act, not including offences relating to out-work	9	9
TOTAL	24	24

Referred to H.M. Inspector	Nil.
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Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted	Nil.

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